Reports on SMEs by NMCC

*370. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council has prepared a report on the role played by the SMEs in the manufacturing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the report has listed certain problems now being faced by this sector alongwith an action plan to adderss them; and

(d) what is the status of Orissa in this sector and what is Government's action plan to develop this sector in this backward State to improve its economy?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The National Manufacturing Competitiveness Council (NMCC) has finalised a National Strategy for Manufacturing. A section of the Strategy Paper pertains to small and medium enterprises.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per the Third All India Census 2001-02 for SSI, there were 3,88,277 units in the State of Orissa employing 9,23,176 persons with a fixed investment of Rs. 1,910 crores and total production of Rs. 5,263 crores. While the primary responsibility for developing small industry is of the State Government, the Government of India is *inter-alia* helping the process by supporting the setting up of Growth Centres, upgrading the industrial infrastructures, developing clusters of small industries and providing credit linked capital subsidy and operating a Credit Guarantee Scheme.

Supervision of works under NREGA

*371. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Durable Assets envisaged in the identified Districts wherein job for 100 days in a year would be given under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005;

(b) whether the modalities have been evolved for supervising the work as purely unskilled labour would be performing the jobs;

(c) whether any mechanism has been created to ensure that entitled wages are paid to such persons; and

(d) whether any NGO's would be involved in the initial stages of implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The works that can be taken up under NREGA have been given in para 1 of Schedule-1 of the NREG Act, 2005. The State Governments will select the durable assets as per the needs of the rural people.

(b) Modalities for supervising works are given in para 5.5, 12.1, 12.2 of the NREGA Guidelines, which include:

(i) Accreditation of a panel of engineer for supervision

(ii) Test check of the work of accredited engineers by Departmental engineers

(iii) Technical support group at district level for quality check

(iv) Technical support group at State level

(v) Executive instructions have been given to provide one Technical Assistant for a group of ten panchayats; dedicated solely for NREGA works.

(vi) Guidelines also provide for wages of skilled labourers and mates to be included in the material cost of the programme. The mate will be responsible for the supervision on the worksite.

(c) As per Section 6(2) of the NREG Act, the unskilled labour employed under the Act would be paid wages fixed by the State Governments under Section 3 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 for agricutural labourers till such time a wage rate is notified by the Central Government in that area.

NREGA guidelines indicate the steps to be taken by States to ensure payment of entitled wages such as:—

(i) Weekly payment of wages

(ii) Fixation of reasonable norms of work

(iii) Proper measurement of work which should include all components of task involved.

(iv) Payment of wages in transparent manner including payment through banks/Post Offices wherever practicable.

(v) Payment of wages before local community.

(vi) MIS being developed to track timely payment of wages..

(d) The Act provides for involvement of NGOs in the implementation of the schemes made under the Act.

Naval-war-room leak scam

*372. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have referred a case of Naval-war-room leakage to CBI; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by CBI so far?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CBI has registered a case of 20.3.2006 under Section 120-B of Indian Penal Code read with Sections 3(1)(c) and 5 of the Official Secrets Act, 1923. In the course of investigation, it has carried out raids, seizure and arrests in the case. The investigations are continuing.

Weavers co-operative societies in Tamil Nadu

*373. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary weavers co-operative societies in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu at present; and

(b) the details of the handloom goods manufactured by these societies during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Based on the information received from most of the State Governments, there are 21,631 primary weavers co-operative societies in the country including 1260 in the State of Tamil Nadu.